

**Listing and Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application and International Preliminary Examination Report:

1. (currently amended) A method for monitoring audio/video connections hereinafter called AV connections which have been set up in a network of distributed stations ~~(10, 20, 30, 40)~~ which are networked with one another via at least one of a wire-free or and a wire bus connections (15), ~~characterized in that wherein~~ a station ~~(STB)~~ monitored to determine whether the station ~~(VCR)~~ which is AV connected to it has sent a logging-off message and, if yes, in that this station ~~(STB)~~ autonomously ends the setting up of the AV connection with the station ~~(VCR)~~ which is logged off.
2. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ a station ~~(STB)~~ which is AV connected to another station ~~(VCR)~~ sends a signaling request ~~(54)~~ to the stations in the network in the situation where the AV connection has remained unused for a first specific time, and in that, in the situation where the signaling request remains unanswered by the station ~~(VCR)~~ which is AV connected to the requesting station ~~(STB)~~, the requesting station ~~(STB)~~ autonomously internally ends the setting up of the AV connection.
3. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that , wherein~~ when a new connection request arrives, a station ~~(STB)~~ from which an AV connection to another station ~~(VCR)~~ has already been set up, sends a signaling request to the stations in the network and in that, in the situation where the signaling request remains unanswered by the station ~~(VCR)~~ which is AV connected to the requesting station ~~(STB)~~, the requesting station ~~(STB)~~ autonomously internally ends the setting up of the AV connection.

4. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that wherein~~, in the situation in which it is found that the other station (~~VCR~~) on the AV connection which has been set up is still registered in the network, the logical connection has remained unused for a second specific time, the station (~~STB~~) which is carrying out the check autonomously internally ends the setting up of the existing AV connection.
5. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein at least one of audio and/or video data is transmitted via the AV connection.
6. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the data transmissions in the network are carried out in accordance with the rules of the UPnP Standard.
7. (currently amended) A network station (~~STB~~) for a network of distributed stations (~~10, 20, 30, 40~~) which are networked with one another via wire-free or wire bus connections (~~15~~), having means for setting up an audio/video connection hereinafter called AV connection to another station (~~VCR~~), ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the network station (~~STB~~) has monitoring means (~~50-58~~) which it uses to monitor whether the station (~~VCR~~) which is AV connected to it has sent a logging-off message, and furthermore having connection ending means (~~56~~) for autonomously ending the AV connection which has been set up when the monitoring means (~~50-58~~) finds that the logging-off message has been sent from the station (~~VCR~~) which is AV connected to it.

8. (currently amended) The network station as claimed in claim 7,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the monitoring means ~~(50-58)~~ are also  
designed to monitor whether the AV connection which has been set up has  
remained unused for a first specific time and, if yes, to send a signaling  
request to the stations in the network, and is also designed such that it  
autonomously internally ends the setting up of the existing AV connection if  
the signaling request remains unanswered by the station ~~(VCR)~~ which is AV  
connected to the requesting station.
9. (currently amended) The network station ~~(STB)~~ as claimed in claim 7,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the monitoring means ~~(50-58)~~ is designed to  
send a signaling request to the network stations when a new connection  
request for a further station has arrived and it has been found that the AV  
connection which has been set up has been unused for that time, with  
autonomous ending of the setting up of the existing AV connection when  
the signaling request remains unanswered by the station ~~(VCR)~~ which is AV  
connected to the requesting station ~~(STB)~~.
10. (currently amended) The network station as claimed in claim 9,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the monitoring means ~~(50 to 58)~~ are also  
designed such that they end the setting up of the existing AV connection  
autonomously when it is found that the other station ~~(VCR)~~ in the AV  
connection which has been set up is admittedly still registered in the  
network, but that the AV connection has remained unused for a second  
specific time.
11. (currently amended) The network station as claimed in ~~one of the preceding~~  
~~claims, characterized in that~~ claim 7, wherein the network station is  
designed for data transmissions in accordance with the UPnP Standard.